

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., September 9, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

Excused Absence- Alderman Duncan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Nora Fesco and Mike Harsted of NCICG were not present at the council meeting.

Mr. Steve Olson was not present at the council meeting.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to grant the request of George Green for a 2014 Raffle License for Cruisin' La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to grant the request of Bob Steele on behalf of the Starved Rock Runner's Club to conduct its annual 10K road race-"Canal Connection" on Sunday, November 2, 2014 utilizing city streets. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant the request of LaSalle-Peru Township High School to hold the annual LP Cavalier 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, September 28, 2014 utilizing city streets. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of LaSalle-Peru Township High School to hold the annual Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. utilizing city streets. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the requests of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 364 Ator Road, Units A & B to install new gas service and two electric services, 541 Chartres to replace valve in pavement on 6th Street where they will be digging, and at Airport Road from ABC Wire Dr. to intersection of Civic Road and Airport Road (Chartres Street) on East side of road, Main extension Corporate Drive on west side of Road and service to go east under Corporate Road for main extension and gas service for Unytite with the correction that the Airport Road is known as Chartres Street in the City of La Salle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Various requests from LaSalle-Peru High School regarding plans to construct a “transition home” for special needs students on premises at the northwest corner of Sixth and Chartres Street within LaSalle were made of the council. The following action was taken.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to start the process including publication for potential partial vacation concerning the southern part of the diamond portion of the alley between Lots 8 and 9 in Browns Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town now City of LaSalle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to refer the request for consolidation plat of Lots 8 through 14 inclusive, plus above mentioned southern part of the diamond portion in the alley, all in Browns Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town now City of LaSalle to the Planning Commission. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to refer the request to the Planning Commission for the rezoning of Lots 8, 9, 12, 13, 14 and the southern part of the diamond currently zoned R3 to be rezoned R4 (Lots 10 and 11 already being zoned R4), all to be then part of the above consolidated plat and lot. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon to refer the request to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the request to reduce building setback requirements in the front from 25 feet to 0, in the rear from 25 feet to 10 feet. There would be recognition with the consolidated plat that no interior set back reductions would be needed given that it would then be all one large lot. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon for permission to begin the process if such other modifications in regard to zoning and/or variances and related matters as the City should deem required concerning the planned transition home be referred back to the City Council, Planning or Zoning Commission as the situation requires.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak to refer the request from Corey Andreoni to the Zoning Board of Appeals that building setback requirements be reduced on the side yard from 5ft. to 1 ft. and the rear yard from 25ft. to 5 ft. at 608 Marquette Street. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Attorney McPhedran indicated that the city has received inquiries from a number of potential developers regarding Medical Cannabis cultivation and dispensary centers, but no formal proposals have been made at this time. He anticipates a proposed agreement may be submitted tomorrow. Attorney McPhedran feels it is reasonable at this time for the council to refer possible amendments to Zoning Ordinance to the Planning Commission allowing the process to move forward in a timely manner if a proposal were to come forth.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to refer to the La Salle Planning Commission consideration of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding Medical Cannabis Cultivation Centers and or Medical Cannabis Dispensary Centers, special use permits and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: Alderman Lavieri

Motion Carried 6-0

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to authorize the Mayor and or such other City Officials as are appropriate in the circumstances to do and perform such reasonable acts and to sign such documents and forms acknowledging application for local zoning approval to operate a Medical Cannabis Cultivation Center in the event any applications are received and filed with the City of La Salle.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: Alderman Lavieri

Motion Carried 6-0

A request to block off Sterling Street where it curves into Grant and on Grant from the curve to La Harpe Street to hold a Block Party on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m. was presented to the council. Because the item was not on the agenda a straw poll was taken and all aldermen were in favor.

Mayor Grove also took a straw poll regarding a potential Block Party on the 1100 block of N. Marquette Street scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2014. The item was not on the agenda. All aldermen were in favor.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file the Monthly Police Income report for July 2014 totaling \$12,391.95. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for May 2014 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$1,239,945.40 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$2,484,358.79. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for June 2014 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$1,125,398.47 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$2,344,317.81. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for July 2014 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$1,965,371.13 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$3,944,878.31. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee and not designate a "no parking" area on the west side of Gooding Street from 7th Street to 11th Street.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and contract for one year with HomePages for a standard text messaging program for \$995 foregoing the additional \$150 fee for an upgraded package. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Aldermen Reynolds to confirm action on a straw poll taken at the August 26, 2014 meeting regarding a request from the La Salle Business Association to close First Street between Marquette and Gooding for the BBQ-n-Blues Festival on Friday, September 5, 2014 and for the Jazz' N the Street Festival on Saturday, September 6, 2014 and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider.

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion carried 7-0

City Engineer Brian Brown reported that the decorative sidewalk in question near Stage 212 was not done last year; therefore is out of warranty. However, Mr. Brown looked at the sidewalks done last year and noticed discoloration. He has calls into the concrete color manufacturer, the release agent manufacturer and will discuss the issues with the contractor after he has talked with the two suppliers. In addition, he will request that Public Works Department seal a test area to see if a difference is noticed.

The Rental Ordinance Review Committee scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Notification will be added to the water bills.

Attorney McPhedran reported that a publication ran on Saturday, September 6, 2014 regarding the five city properties up for sale by sealed bid. Bids will be opened at the Council meeting on October 7, 2014. Bids can be submitted on or before 3 p.m. on October 7. Each parcel will be considered separately. The publication will run again on September 13 and September 20. The council will have the opportunity to accept or reject the bids once publicly opened.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Reynolds received a call that a Spring Valley lawn care company has been dumping lawn debris at the city drop off site. Mayor Grove asked the City Clerk to send a letter to the company notifying them that this is not allowed.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman and seconded by Alderman to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2502:** an ordinance Authorizing Additional Addendum to Mutual and Box Alarm System Agreement a/k/a MABAS and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon,

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

**Ordinance 2502: an ordinance
Authorizing Additional Addendum to
Mutual and Box Alarm System
Agreement a/k/a MABAS and related
matters.**

COMMENTS

Stephanie Jeanblanc representing LaSalle-Peru High School thanked the City for their support.

Cathy Tomlinson thanked the City, Police Department, Building Inspector and Superintendent of Public Works for assisting with the removal of raccoons caught in traps in her neighborhood.

City Clerk Carrie Brown announced candidate petitions will be available for the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election on Tuesday, September 23, 2014.

Finance Director John Duncan indicated that on-line water bill pay is now available. Information regarding sign-up for this option will be included in the next water billing.

Chris Covert thanked Mr. Piano for taking the building down on Third Street.

Brian Brown stated that the Donahue Street project began this past week and should be paved within the next two weeks. The MFT program will also begin next week. Rotary Park is moving forward with the parking lot and bag courts being finished. When asked by Alderman Reynolds

about Rockwell Road, Mr. Brown indicated that Rockwell Road will be patched and as part of the MFT program the entrance off Route 6 will be fixed so the turn is easier to maneuver.

Chief Uranich informed that council that 30 vehicles were stopped at a weigh station set up once again on Bucklin and three warnings or tickets were issued. He thanked the State Police for setting up the weigh station.

Alderman Schneider recognized City Engineer Brown for his quick response when contacted in regard to an update on Lincoln Street.

Alderman Reynolds recognized all who were involved with BBQ and Blues and Jazz'N the Street.

Mayor Grove also recognized everyone involved with making the weekend events a success.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$457,767.58 (Total Payroll \$159,897.81, Bills to be Paid \$57,453.93, Total Bills Paid \$240,415.84) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider
NAY: None Absent: Duncan Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 8:01 p.m.



Carrie Brown, City Clerk